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### ABSTRACT

15        **Use of mono- or di-esters of cinnamic acid or of one of its derivatives  
and vitamin C, as donor of NO.**

20        The present invention relates to the use of mono- or di-esters of cinnamic acid  
or of one of its derivatives and vitamin C, in particular ascorbyl 2-O-cinnamate, to  
increase the production of nitric oxide in or on the skin or scalp or the mucous  
membranes as well as a procedure of application of nitric oxide in or on the skin, the  
scalp or the mucous membranes. It also relates to a cosmetic treatment procedure  
which makes use of these compounds as donors of NO.

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